

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1 - 43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising  
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a  
container, the apparatus including a heater and a carrier unit;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is  
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating an  
area of damaged protective coating on that container~~ heater for heating the area of  
damaged protective coating on the container; and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is  
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating an  
area of damaged protective coating on that container~~ carrier unit for depositing  
protective coating material attached to the carrier unit onto the area of damaged  
protective coating on the container.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising  
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a  
container;

a rotary manipulator;

at least one heating unit, separate of and spaced from the apparatus for  
coating, the at least one heating unit being positioned adjacent the rotary  
manipulator;

a first conveyor, for supplying containers to the rotary manipulator;

wherein the rotary manipulator rotates the containers to a position proximate  
the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container, and

to a position proximate the at least one heating unit; and  
a second conveyor for removing containers from the rotary manipulator.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising  
an apparatus for coating a limited area on a container, the apparatus  
including a heater and a carrier unit;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is  
selectively actuable to position a container proximate the ~~apparatus for coating a~~  
~~limited area on that container~~ heater for heating the limited area on the container;  
and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is  
selectively actuable to position a container proximate the ~~apparatus for coating a~~  
~~limited area on that container~~ carrier unit for depositing protective coating material  
attached to the carrier unit onto the limited area on the container.